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Hongkong Looms Large In Commons Debate On Sweeping Trade Control

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, June 19.

Questions put to Sir Hartley Shawcross, President of the Board of Trade, after his announcement in the Commons today of licence control on all goods sent to China and Hongkong, show that MP's are not satisfied with the situation.

Although MP's do not dispute the need for tighter control over exports to China—and indeed welcome them—they are not satisfied that other countries are doing all in their power to prevent trade in strategic goods with China.

Mr L. D. Gammans (Conservative) asked about rubber shipments to China from Ceylon, Indo-China and Siam; Mr Anthony Eden (Conservative) asked whether Sir Hartley knew what action other countries which had direct trade with China and Hongkong were taking.

Mr John Paton (Labour) wanted to know if the Portuguese had done anything to prevent imports from Macao. Some further tightening up of measures to prevent the export of goods of possible military value to China had been expected for some time but the sweeping nature of the new regulation has taken political circles here by surprise.

Despite the strict control over all shipments to China the authorities have recently been worried about consignments of goods—namely rubber, tyres and motor spare parts—which have been sent from this country by roundabout routes to China.

U.S. RELAXATIONS? Inclusion of all British dependencies among the countries from which exports of strategic and military goods to China will be prohibited will help prevent this trade.

It is also considered possible that the new measures to prevent the re-export of strategic goods to China might influence the Americans to relax their embargo on Hongkong.

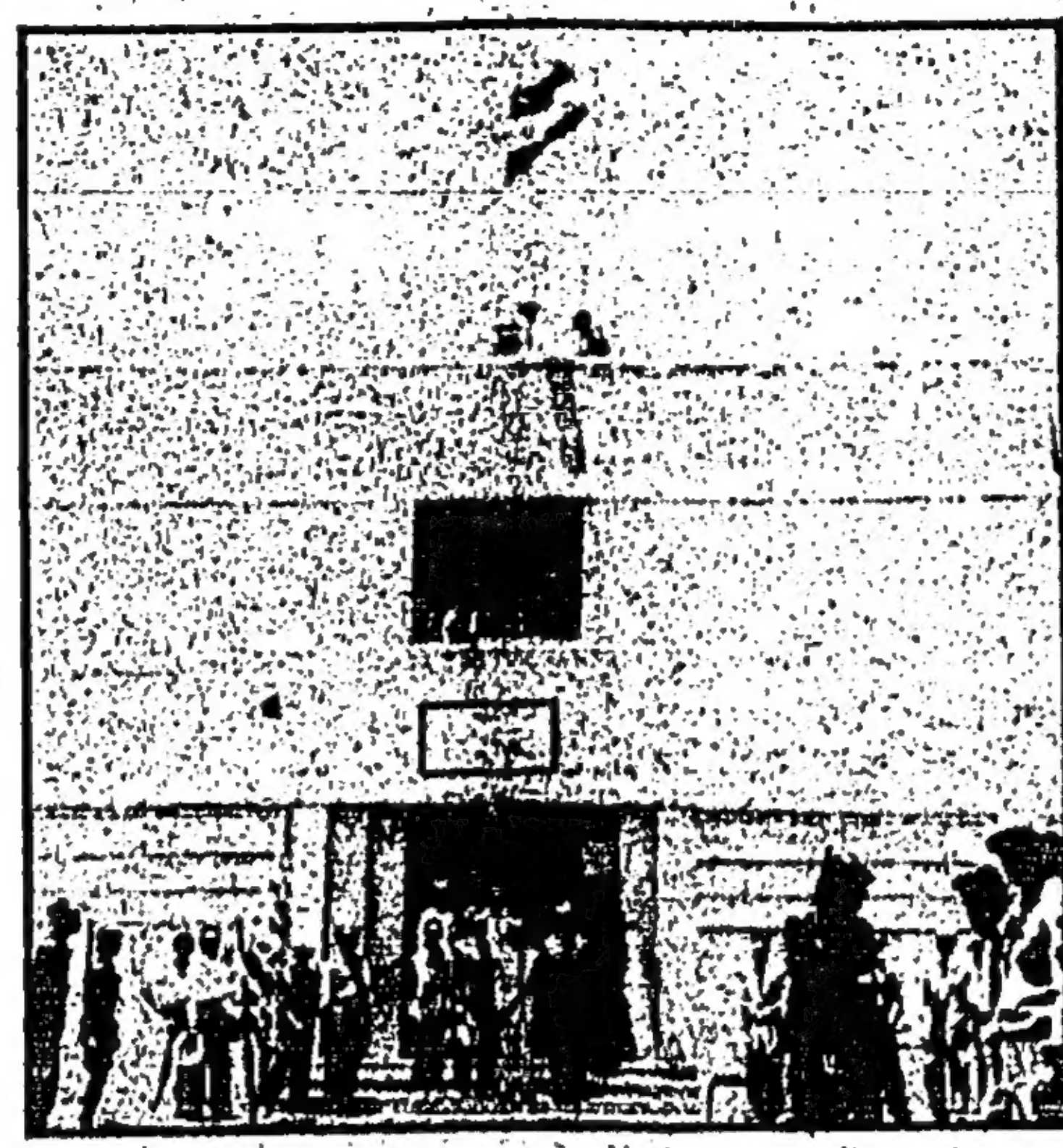
LEGITIMATE TRADE

A Conservative member, Mr Robert Hudson, asked if it could be taken that this would not interfere with the legitimate export trade of Hongkong to China "on which the existence of Hongkong depends".

Sir Hartley replied, "The economic existence of Hongkong does depend on its maintaining trade with other countries. We have now established a permit that trade to go on while ensuring that there will be no re-exports to China of goods which may have any military or strategic significance".

Answering another question Sir Hartley said that Col. 4 (Continued on Page 10, Col. 4)

Persian Flag Breaks



Crowds of Persians milled around the general management offices of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company at Abadan the other day to see their flag raised over the premises. Over the office allocated to the Government Commission by the Company a noticeboard was erected, saying in Persian: "Office of the Provisional Board of Directors Come To Nationalise Oil." (AP Photo)

Chinese Reds And Nationalists Clashing In Burma

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Calcutta, June 20.

War threatens Rangoon's Chinatown. Police are standing by today in the narrow, dirty sign-plattered streets leading off from the sampans-packed river front to prevent a threatened murderous clash between Chinese Communists and Nationalists.

Temperatures have been rising in recent months among the city's 100,000 Chinese. Party papers and pamphlets have become more violent. The supporters of Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek vied with each other to display bigger and better portraits of their heroes.

Neighbours quarrelled as they unfurled the star-speckled banner of Red China alongside the Kuomintang's Rising Sun.

Younger men, brought up amid wars and violence, began growing restlessness, then attacking their rivals' shops and homes.

Bevan-like Burma Government's obsequious regard for Red China has lately aggravated the feud.

The Chinese Ambassador gets more attention—and exercises considerably more political power—than his western colleagues. His large, overstaffed Embassy with its big propaganda section and powerful radio station, keeps in touch quite openly with Burma's Communist rebels through contact men in Chinatown.

This is reported to have enabled the Ambassador to drop several interesting hints about growing rebel activity during his recent exploratory talks at the Burma Foreign Ministry on the possible reopening of the Burma road.

NO ILLUSIONS
Nationalist Chinese in Burma have no illusions as to their fate if the Reds take over the country and have lately been taking counter-action against the Communist contact men.

They have been fighting a silent war with knife and razor, little news of which leaks out officially. Men simply disappear "on holiday". The madly Rangoon river tells no tales. But clashes have become more open.

The Chinese Ambassador is believed to have protested about the "action of Fascist thugs against the supporters of a friendly Power."—London Express Service.

NOT ONLY A MELODRAMA

Milan, June 19.
It wasn't just a melodrama last night when the Italian soprano, Lucia Chiodelli Moro, died in the middle of the opera "Cavalleria Rustica".

Struck by a heart attack, Mrs Moro fell on the stage of Arcimboldi Theatre. She was rushed to hospital but died before regaining consciousness.—United Press

ANOTHER MONICA IN TROUBLE

London, June 19.

Mrs Esther Henrotte, a 55-year-old British Communist who is just back from a visit to China, has refused to resign from an £800-a-year job in the Co-operative Movement.

Mrs Henrotte's salary was frozen after she had overstayed a three-weeks' leave of absence to visit Communist China with a "People's Friendship" delegation.

With Mrs Monica Felton, another Briton who recently returned from a "fact-finding" tour of North Korea, she has been criticised in the British press for making a journey into Communist territory.

Mrs Henrotte, who is a member of the Management Committee of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society in London, said at a press conference today: "I do not intend to resign and I have no comments to make on my salary or why I was away for more than three weeks."

"I have given a complete explanation to the Management Committee," she said.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

H.K. EMBARGO ACTION

It was officially announced today that local orders in co-operation of the new U.K. trade control orders will be published in the Government Gazette on Friday and will come into effect on Monday, June 25.

While no official statement could be obtained that the troops had been confined to their camps, no British soldiers were to be seen in the surrounding villages and usually reliable sources said that they had been alerted because of the tense Persian situation. No air and sea transport for the troops was immediately available in Cyprus but it was expected that the air force would be alerted.—Reuter

Warrior were standing by at Malta about 30 hours steaming time away.

The two carriers brought the first 3,000 men of the Brigade from England to Cyprus a week ago.

A party of artillerymen arrived yesterday, about the troops, Devonshire, bringing the Brigade up to its full strength of 3,500.—Reuter.

CABINET TO MEET
London, June 19.
Foreign Office sources said today that a decision on the tough Iran oil question would have to be taken "on ministerial level" within 24 hours. Details of the breakdown of negotiations were still arriving, but it was expected the Cabinet would meet on Wednesday and arrive at a decision.

It was pointed out that there were three possible alternatives now open:

1. A final appeal to Iran in the strongest terms requesting a delay in taking over installations.

2. A request to the United States government to make a similar appeal in the interests of political, economic and international harmony.

3. Acceptance of the position entailing immediate evacuation with protection of British lives and property.

In connection with the third alternative, machinery for evacuation and safeguarding could be set in motion by the British Ambassador in Teheran, Sir Francis Shepherd, without consultation with London, although it was believed Sir Francis would act alone only in the direct emergency. Plans have been worked out to the minutest detail and are ready to roll on an hour's notice.

NAVY MAY MOVE
Sources said military protection would probably come from the Suez Canal troops first, although still unconfirmed reports from Cyprus said paratroopers there had been alerted. Naval units were also expected to move in.

Some said evacuation would include withdrawal of the tanker fleet and abandonment of installations, but authoritative experts on the situation said the very operation of the threatened switch-off might be "resisted", since interference with pressure levels and other technical aspects might cause explosions and fire. The source did not elaborate on the word (Continued on Page 10 Col. 6)

But to the east, United Nations troops ended a three-day battle by seizing control of the tactically important valley and ridge line north of Jinu.

This capture of an area further north than any other Allied position appeared to have ended one phase of the hard-fought campaign on the east central front, which began with the gallant stand of the 2nd United States Division during the Chinese May offensive.

On the extreme eastern front two Communist battalions were engaged by Allied troops in an action which was continuing by nightfall.

Light or no activity was reported on the western front.—Reuter.

Frontline reports said that several Communist battalions were digging into the hills bordering the triangle redoubt. But military observers believed that the main Chinese Communist forces were assembling in strength some distance to the north—either to offer the strongest defence so far or yet another offensive.

Allied aircraft, which attempted to observe the Communist activity in the area, were heavily attacked today by light and heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The Communists' own air activity continued to mount. A large force of American Sabrejets was attacked by about 30 MIG-15s only 20 miles north of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Sharp Fighting In Korea

Tokyo, June 19.
The United Nations forces today came up against strong Communist holding troops protecting their buffer force in the Chorwon-Kumhwa-Pyongyang triangle.

Teheran, June 19.
The Persian Government tonight broke off talks with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's delegation here.

The Persians said that the Company's reply to their demand for money was unacceptable.

The Finance Minister, Ali Varasteh—whose resignation as leader of the Persian negotiators because of ill-health was announced earlier today—did not appear for the opening of tonight's meeting of the two delegations.

His place in the chair was taken by Sayed Ali Shayan, a member of the Persian Oil Commission.

The Persians had a private meeting earlier in the afternoon when they discussed various possible replies from the Company and their reaction to them.

The Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, warned earlier today that he would seize all the Company's installations in South Persia unless it met his demands.

His warning came only a few hours before the meeting—the third since the British delegates arrived from London.

Dr Mossadeq had earlier seen the American Ambassador, Dr Henry Grady, who was believed to have urged him to accept any reasonable British reply.

COMPANY'S OFFER
The British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, called on the Shah during the day to tell him of the Company's reply.

This rejected the Persian demand outright as "unjustifiable". It offered to place at the disposal of the Persian Government £10,000,000 immediately and a further £3,000,000 each month from July until agreement was reached.

The Company specified that the money would be made available only if there was no interference with its operations while the discussions were in progress.

The discussions today, in the third and last meeting, lasted little over an hour. They consisted mainly of a conversation between Mr Basil Jackson, British delegation leader and Vice-Chairman of the Company, and the leader of the Persian delegation.

AWAITING ORDERS
Mr Jackson said that the British could not accept the Persian law which he regarded as a breach of contractual obligations.

The Persians insisted that they had a legal right to nationalise oil.

The meeting broke up on this conflict.

Mr Jackson told correspondents that the delegation would await further instructions from London before deciding whether they would return home.

The Persian delegation immediately went to report to Premier Mossadeq who is due to preside over a joint Cabinet Oil Commission meeting tomorrow morning.

NEW PHASE
A communique outlining the future Persian course was due to be issued after this meeting.

The meeting will also draft fresh instructions for the oil take-over mission.

In Abadan, the Southern oil port, Dr Mossadeq is also expected to call for a parliamentary vote of confidence.

The collapse of the talks was expected to signal a new phase of the oil take-over.

The Persians were now expected to insist on payment on the spot for each oil cargo.

The Oil Company called the situation "a complete breakdown". They said that they would not resume the talks unless the initiative comes from the other side.—Reuter.

TROOPS ALERTED
Nicosia, Cyprus, June 19.
Troops of Britain's 16th Parachute Brigade were standing by tonight in camps near Nicosia.

While no official statement could be obtained that the troops had been confined to their camps, no British soldiers were to be seen in the surrounding villages and usually reliable sources said that they had been alerted because of the tense Persian situation. No air and sea transport for the troops was immediately available in Cyprus but it was expected that the air force would be alerted.—Reuter

Reeling Cows Expose Still

Calcutta, June 19.
Reeling cows, staggering pigs and crows which could not fly but cawed drunkenly, revealed the presence of an illicit liquor still which the Police had sought for months.

Villagers who saw the birds and animals behave drunkenly after drinking in a creek approached the creek and found that it smelled strongly of liquor. Police followed the liquor trail through dense jungle to the creek's source, where the moon-shiners, whose vats had overflowed, were caught.—Associated Press.

To Die For Murder Of Mistress

Calcutta, June 19.
Three high court judges today confirmed the death sentence passed on a 50-year-old fakir for chopping off his mistress's head.

They refused to revoke the sentence passed by a lower court on the fakir, Rangiri, who was said to have paid his victim, an 18-year-old village girl, Tulsa, 12 rupees a week for her favours.

When Rangiri stopped payments the girl appealed to the village elders who ruled that Rangiri must pay up or cease his visits.

A week later Rangiri called on Tulsa and pleaded with her to put him up for the night as he had "important meditations" to perform.

She agreed and at midnight Rangiri crept into her room and chopped off her head with a single blow.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Sweeping Trade Controls

SIR Hartley Shawcross could hardly have better timed his most effective reply to State Department officials who have revived pressure in favour of a complete blockade of the China coast. A strict control system is to be imposed in the United Kingdom as from June 25 prohibiting the export of a long list of strategic materials, including rubber, and extending licensing control to Hongkong. The decision represents full compliance with the United Nations embargo resolution, indeed going farther in some ways than might be regarded as absolutely necessary. What is equally important, whether or not the American economic experts are sufficiently impressed that they will drop the campaign for a highly premature naval blockade, the implication is plain: Britain is satisfied that the real needs are adequately met, that the controls are stringent in all conscience, and that Britain's participation in any blockade must not be expected. What precisely will be the effect on Hongkong of the sharp tightening of controls cannot be estimated accurately until the system becomes operative. Local business men interested only in legitimate trading will not be too deeply concerned except in the event—perhaps likely at the outset—of protracted delays in licence grants, causing much inconvenience. For the rest, it was foreseen that growing indications of stalemate in the Korean war zone would compel stricter supervision of the movement of potential war materials and the announcement of the President of the Board of Trade came as no surprise. Its nature is sweeping but it is a further earnest of British recognition of the necessities. Materials needed within the Colony should not run against insurmountable obstacles, but it will be the duty of the Hongkong Government to intensify its hitherto reasonably successful measures to prevent leakage into the Chinese hinterland. No-one likes controls, but in these days of international tension, there can be no alternative. The onus lies with Peking.

A Move To

THOUGH General de Gaulle's organization provides the largest single political party in the new French National Assembly, it is the Third Force, or Centre coalition, that once again will rule France. This coalition's record does not encourage hopes of a more stable government ahead; indeed the future political scene in France is one of extreme uncertainty, leading to much uneasiness on the part of France's friends. There is one cheerful aspect of the elections, however. Though the Communists remain a powerful party (they are exceeded only by the de Gaullists in the Assembly) they have been much weakened and though they still present a problem, the trend in the country seems to be to the right. Both extremist groups have

The Right?

been rebuffed in the polling and it is now up to the next Premier to hold together what will undoubtedly be a shaky coalition. Lack of cohesion among the moderate parties has not improved and no Government, whoever the Premier, will be strong. France is still in a precarious position on the home front, and her friends can only hope that the new coalition will prove workable. The people's vote has not so much approved the Centre as condemned the extremists. The coalition now must do away with those constant changes in Cabinets that have been such a distressing feature of French political life for so many years. The times ahead are too perilous to permit of continued petty playing of politics.

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Freedom Of The Press

EMPIRE GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS

London, June 19.
Lord Burnham, acting Chairman of the Commonwealth Press Union, said today that it was never more necessary, nor more appropriate than now that the Union should discuss freedom of the world's Press.

Lord Burnham told the annual general meeting of the Union that it had been an unpleasant surprise (symptomatic of these times) that the Union's conference in Ottawa last year had had to put freedom of the Press on the agenda for public discussion for the first time since its foundation 30 years ago.

Mr Devadas Gandhi, editor of the Hindustan Times, cabled to the Union the approval of its Indian section that the body had changed its name from "Empire Press Union" to "Commonwealth Press Union."

The Indian section deeply appreciated the change of name, which it considered in keeping with the spirit of the times. Mr Gandhi added that the case of La Prensa, taken over by the Argentine Government, was "the most flagrant and deliberate strangulation by ill-concealed methods of a highly respected, responsible and popular paper by totalitarianism."

He urged the Union to make official representations to the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organisation about fairer distribution of the world's newsprint supplies.

The only ultimate solution of this problem would, he believed, be for the Union jointly to persuade the American publishers to reduce their "inordinate consumption by a small fraction."

The Union re-elected Mr J. J. Astor, publisher of The Times, as Chairman.—Reuter.

Communist Leaders' Last Try

Washington, June 19.
Eleven convicted American Communist Party leaders were engaged today in a last ditch effort to stay out of jail.

The Supreme Court affirmed on June 4 the convictions for conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government. Normally, a High Court mandate is relayed to the trial court in 25 days and the defendants must surrender themselves to start serving the sentences.

But the Communists asked Justice Robert Jackson to stay the mandate until Autumn when the court can examine a petition for a reviewing of the case. Justice Jackson will listen to arguments on the proposal on Thursday. Mr Jackson was one of the six Justices who voted in the Court's 6-2 decision to uphold the Reds' conviction. Mr Jackson will also hear a plea on behalf of five lawyers who have been representing the 11 convicted leaders.—United Press.

General As Envoy

Capetown, June 19.
General W. H. E. Poole, head of South Africa's Military Mission in Germany, has been appointed Minister Plenipotentiary in Italy, Greece and Egypt, it has been announced here tonight. He succeeds General Theron, who is due to retire shortly.—Reuter.

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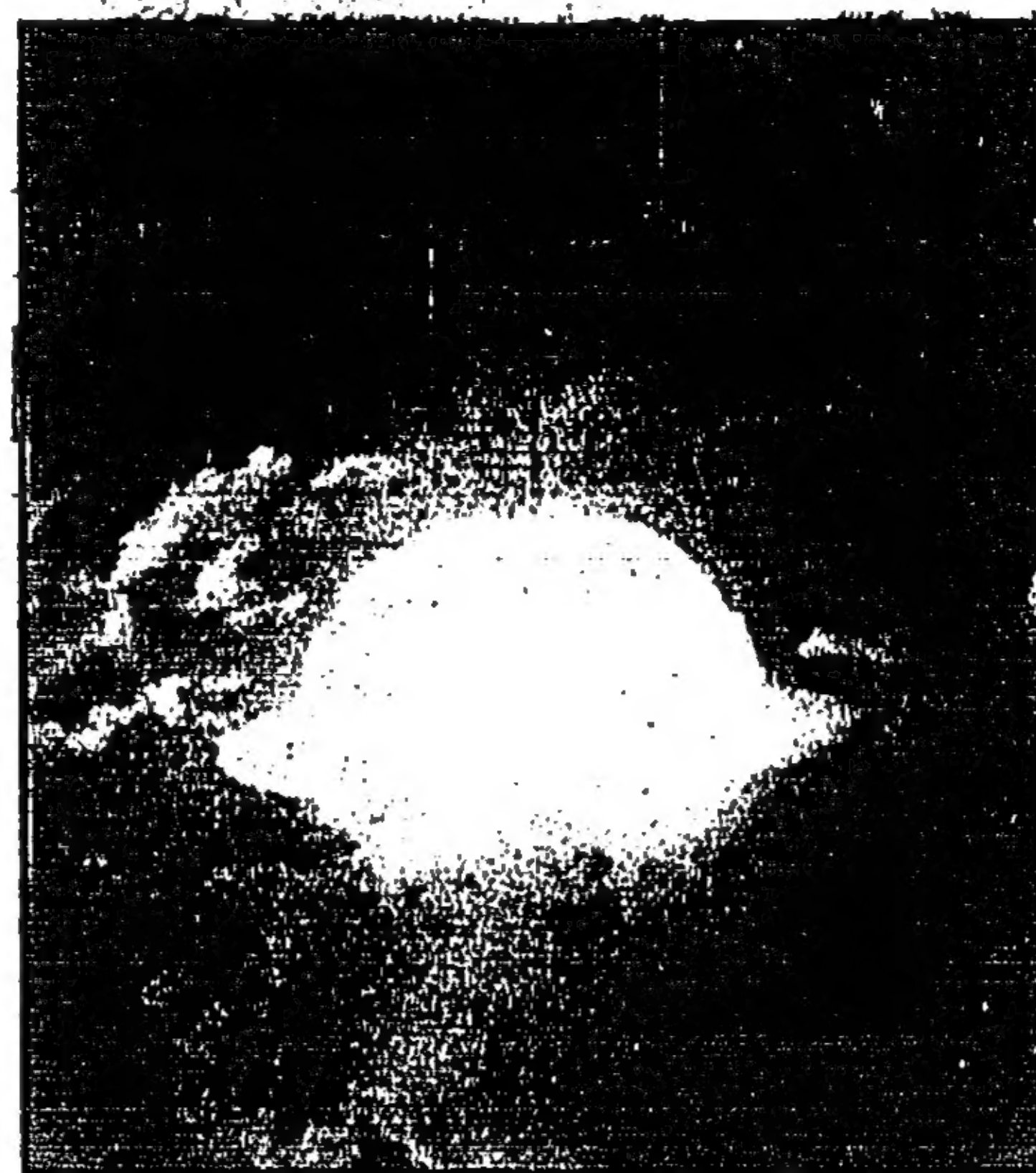
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Latest In Atom Bombs



This is an aerial view of the latest atom bomb test at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific. It shows an early phase of a nuclear explosion. The picture has only just been released by the American authorities.—AP Photo.

Hungary To Try Catholic Bishop

Budapest, June 19.

Jozsef, Archbishop Groesz of Kalocsa, the Hungarian Roman Catholic leader who signed the Church-State agreement of August, 1950, is to be tried on charges of anti-State activity, black-market currency dealings, helping wanted persons flee the country and other crimes, it was announced today.

The official announcement confirmed earlier rumours that the Archbishop was to face the same ordeal as Cardinal Mindszenty, convicted of treason and imprisoned for life in 1949.

Budapest papers today printed the charges against Archbishop Groesz and eight alleged accomplices.

Among the eight other accused is Dr. Elajos Pongracz, Hungarian employee of the U.S. Information Service in Budapest. His inclusion in the list eliminates all doubt that the "Logation of an Imperialist power" mentioned frequently in the indictment is the U.S. Legation.

The other defendants are three high-ranking monks of the "religious order dissolved last summer, a pre-war Member of Parliament, a former high civil servant, a member of Hungary's former Upper House of Parliament and a lawyer.

All made pre-trial confessions, the indictment said. Monsignor Groesz is one of the three Archbishops of Hungary. The others are Cardinal Mindszenty and Monsignor Gyula, Bishop Czapik of Eger.

The indictment quoted part of the pre-trial confession said to have been made by the Archbishop to prove that Mons. Groesz "virtually took over Cardinal Mindszenty's role of conspiring against the regime."

"ARMED GROUPS"

The Cardinal "charged me to take over the leadership of the organisation aiming at the overthrow of the regime in case of his arrest," the indictment quoted the Archbishop as saying.

Another quotation from Mons. Groesz's alleged confession said: "I admit that the conspiracy which I headed began to organise armed groups with the task to overthrow the People's Republic and take over power."

"Confidential material between the Archbishop and the Vatican was delivered to general Budapest Legations of imperialist powers," the indictment continued.

It also accused Mons. Groesz of giving "reports with secret economic and political spying data to the imperialist legations and with having carried out precious codes from the country."

Dr Pongracz, the prosecution alleged, "regularly gave spying

ADMIRAL BADGER OPPOSES BOMBING OF CHINA BASES

"United Nations Can Lick Communists In Korea"

Washington, June 19.

Vice-Admiral Oscar Badger said today "we can lick them in Korea and should not, for the time being, attempt to bomb Chinese Red bases in Manchuria."

Admiral Badger, one of the United States' experts on the Far East, told Senators investigating General MacArthur's dismissal that he did not believe "we would derive one-sided benefit from bombing of bases in China at the present time."

He was called before the investigating committee at the request of Republican members, who had expected him to support General MacArthur's rejected proposals for hitting the Reds with air and sea bombardment outside Korea.

At first it seemed that the former naval commander in the Far East was doing just that. He quoted from a lecture he delivered in March at the National War College, in which he said the United Nations should discontinue "recognised use of sanctuaries by armed enemies of the United Nations by effective sanctions and, if necessary, blockade."

(General MacArthur's biggest complaint against the military high command was that it would not let him bomb the Reds' Manchurian supply bases.) However, when the committee chairman, Senator Richard Russell, asked the witness if he favoured such expansion of the war, Admiral Badger replied: "I think we can lick them in Korea. I think we should not open ourselves to bombing of bases in China. But I think if we do not get a negotiable reaction from the Chinese Communist Government pretty soon, we would have to do what we could to destroy the source of equipment which I think is an element of strength or weakness on the part of the Chinese forces. In other words, to clarify that, I do not believe, as a person of some experience in the Orient, that we would derive one-sided benefit from bombing of bases in China at the present time."

Admiral Badger thought the Chinese Communist supply lines could be interrupted by bombing them within Korea.

LIMITED ACTION

"I would prefer to limit military action to that area for the time being," he said. The Admiral, who is now commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, agreed with Admiral Forrest Sherman's recommendation that any blockade on Red China should be undertaken only as a United Nations operation and not as a strictly American move. MacArthur had called for a blockade but Admiral Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, disclosed that the other United Nations allies objected.

Admiral Badger presented this four-point programme for delivering a body blow to the Communists in Asia:

1. Continue and accelerate American rearmament efforts along with military aid to other free nations, "to remove doubts in the Far East as to our strength."

2. Take the initiative in Southeast Asia and other threatened regions by a programme of economic, humanitarian and firm aid plus technical guidance.

3. Continue to effect heavy losses in Korea of Chinese military manpower, and of their essential equipment in the hope that the Peking Government may be forced to change its attitude of demand to one of acceptable negotiation.

4. Discontinue recognised use of sanctuaries by armed enemies of the United Nations by effective sanctions and, if necessary, blockade.

QUESTION OF HK

Under questioning, Admiral Badger said the United States lost a great gamble in the way it carried out the 1948 China

"Still Chance In S. China"

Washington, June 18.

Admiral Badger, testifying before the Senate committee, quoted from a report he had made to the War College last March, in which he said that in South China there was still "a chance" of revolutionary repercussions against the Communist tyranny and imperialism.

Admiral Badger declared he had seen nothing since to make him change these views and added: "The high percentage of anti-Communist feeling in South China gives the possibility of rolling the Iron Curtain back at least to the Yangtze River and of relieving the pressure from the border nations of southeast Asia."—Reuter.

Admiral Badger also testified: "Naturally the question of Hong Kong and British recognition of Communist China comes importantly into considerations of this area in seeking the most favourable solutions to Western problems."

"I am opposed to recognition of the present Communist Government of China. I believe that the unanimous stamp of approval by the Western nations of a Government so unpopular, so tyrannical and so at odds with all acceptable principles of civilisation would result in loss of Western prestige and would result in encouragement of similar movements by minorities in other world areas and further spread of Communist tyranny and slavery among people who basically seek peace, independence and opportunity to establish for themselves a better way of life."

VITAL AREA

Because of its vital natural resources Southeast Asia would give a totalitarian holder domination of most of Asia. The 4,000-mile barrier from North Burma to New Guinea would be a power affecting the destinies of India, the Philippines and even Japan.

"It is important in our consideration of Southeast Asia that we do not make the common mistake of classifying this area with China as one of

STILL DISTRICTED

"Although our own skirts are pretty clean on the question of colonial imperialism, we are still subject to distrust because of our associations, past and present, plus the fact that we are providing military support to the French colonial and other governments. These are unacceptable conditions."

Admiral Badger said Communist influences in Indonesia were weak "but the Government has many serious problems involving differences between Dutch Moslems, Islamites and others who for serious reasons to back frequent insurrections. We cannot buy anti-Communism in Southeast Asia and if we do it we will probably win support rather than friendship, believe this is a job for statesmanlike engineers and economic and agricultural experts."

Admiral Badger said that the United States and the Nationalist Government should be throwing rocks, bottles and bricks and dropped home-made bombs made of bottles and gunpowder from planes. Admiral Badger did not agree with a report by Maj-General David Barr, who headed a U.S. mission in the East, that the Nationalist failure was not due to lack of arms. On the contrary, he said, the Nationalist had to call off whole offensives because of shortages. General Barr will testify on this point himself in a few days.—United Press.

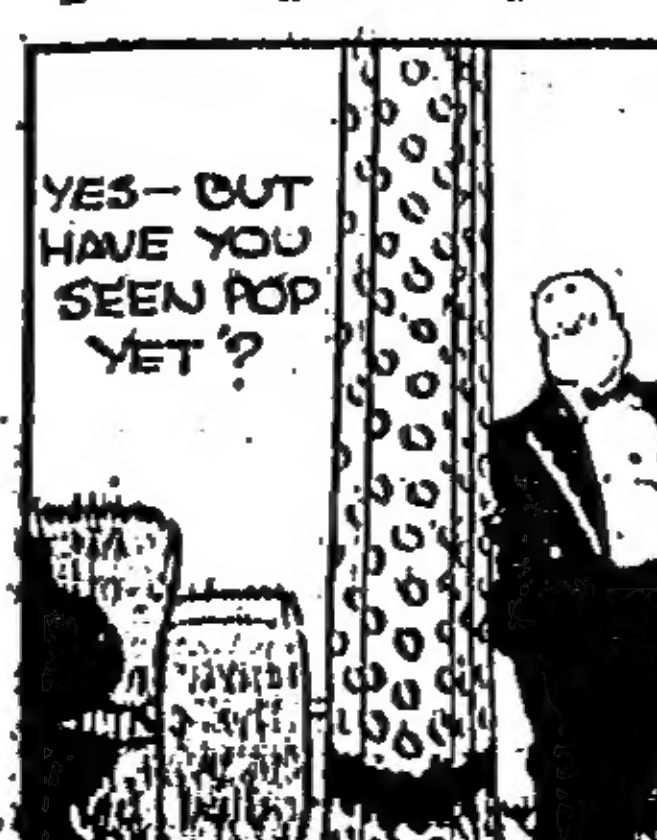
DOCKERS' STRIKE

Sydney, June 19.

Four hundred dockers walked off six ships, delaying unloading today, in a protest against the suspension of 191 water sidings for walking off ship yesterday in protest against Mr Justice Kirby's basic wage decision.

Mr Kirby rejected an application by watersiders yesterday for a review of the basic wage decision he made last January. The rest of the dockers refused to work but men continued to leave ships throughout the day. It was estimated tonight that 1,500 had walked off in about 50 hours. However, 4,000 wharves continued to work.—United Press.

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He could not make up his mind whether to keep an appointment that evening with one of the five spies he directed.

Yakovlev, the Sixth Man in the spy ring, was due to meet agent Harry Gold at the Earl Theatre in the Bronx.

The strain of two years' dangerous undercover work was telling. And he was still suffering from the shock of a really bad scare.

A few weeks previously he had been tipped off that a front-rank, scientist, known to be sympathetic to Communism, was visiting New York with a briefcase full of secret atomic documents.

Trailed

DETERMINED to contact him, the Sixth Man had shadowed him for days waiting for an opening. Just when he felt it was safe to make an approach he noticed he was not the only person trailing the man with the atom secrets. Intelligence men were also following the scientist and checking on every person he met. The Sixth Man had been shaken.

What if Harry Gold was now being trailed, he wondered.

Yakovlev knew enough of American law to realise that what he had done could send him to the electric chair.

News in the air

JET BOMBER DESIGNER IS HONOURED

JAMES STUART
JUST elected a vice-president of the Royal Aeronautical Society is Mr George Robert Edwards, the man who designed Britain's new, powerful, four-engined jet bomber, the Vickers 660, which made its first flight on May 18.

Only 42, Edwards is one of the youngest of our aeroplane designers. At 27 he began work in the Vickers drawing office; at 32 he was made experimental works manager at the aeroplane factory at Weybridge, Surrey. He was 37 when he became the firm's chief designer.

So successful was Edwards's 660 design expected to be that the Government placed substantial production orders for the new bomber without waiting for the first one to fly.

Edwards took an engineering degree at London University 10 years ago.

Other aircraft he has produced include the Viking European Airways, and the Viscount, the world's first airliner to use propeller-turbine engines.

THE old, historic hall of Westminster School will be filled with airline officials from all over the free world during the second week of September.

Occasion is the seventh annual meeting of the International Air Transport Association. Hosts to their competitors from all parts of the world for this year's meeting are British Overseas Airways, President will be Sir Miles Thomas, BOAC chief.

THE hoverplane has now entered the steepjack business.

When a 150ft.-high chimney at an American chemical plant needed repainting recently, a hoverplane went up. A passenger leaned out and fixed the tackle. The whole operation took half an hour against the estimated day and

Chapter 4 in the story of the Soviet Super Spy
prepared by **CHAPMAN PINCHER**

Through Agent No. 1, the British traitor Klaus Fuchs, he had sent the main secrets of making atom bombs to Moscow. David Greenglass—No. 2—had even supplied a detailed drawing of the weapon, which he had passed on.

No. 3 Agent Julius Rosenberg, had given him a complete proximity fuse—the top-secret device which made an anti-aircraft shell explode as soon as it got near an aeroplane.

On the Sixth Man's instructions Rosenberg, then serving as a U.S. Government weapons inspector, had brought the fuse out of a factory in his lunch box.

As a reward Yakovlev had given him a "citation" entitling him to special privileges if he ever went to Russia.

Squeezed dry

SPY No. 4, shaggy-haired Morton Sobell, had given him radar and rocket secrets filched from the General Electric laboratories.

Now agent No. 5, Harry Gold, was coming to New York to get further orders. There was really no new work for Gold to do. Fuchs, his main source of in-

formation, had been cut off from secret American research along with all the other British scientists, and was going home to London.

Greenglass had also been squeezed dry. He was due to be demobilised from the Army—honourably as a top sergeant—the next week, thereby severing contact with atom work.

The Sixth Man decided to dodge his date. After all, he argued, he could always get in touch with Gold later.

Two tickets

WAITING in the upstairs lounge of the Earl Theatre, Gold wondered what could have happened. He had just given up his post as research chemist at the Pennsylvania Sugar Company in Philadelphia for a job in New York, where he would be nearer his spy chief.

He urgently wanted to see Yakovlev, whom he knew only as "John Doe," to tell him his new address.

But the Sixth Man never came and Gold had no signal from him for ten months.

Then, one morning early in December, two tickets for a boxing match arrived at his lodgings. They had been forwarded from his old address, 6823, Kindred Street, Philadelphia.



One man's name—and Yakovlev knew he was in the shadow of the F.B.I....

There was nothing else in the envelope. But he knew that Yakovlev had sent them. And he knew that it was an order to go to an oyster bar near Broadway three days after the date on the tickets.

That day had already gone by. So all he could do was wait again.

Traced

NOTHING happened until Boxing Day, when at five o'clock his telephone rang.

"Harry Gold?" a voice asked. "I am John."

Gold recognised the voice and the code-name as Yakovlev's. Somehow the Sixth Man had traced him.

"Be at the theatre at eight o'clock tonight," the voice said, and rang off.

At five minutes to eight, Gold walked into the upstairs lounge of the Earl Theatre in the Bronx. At exactly eight o'clock he was approached by an extremely tall blond stranger who walked with a cat-like stride.

"Can you direct me to Paul Street?" the man asked.

"Yes, I am going there myself," Gold replied, recognising the question as a code-phrase and giving the agreed answer.

New job

THE man showed him a torn scrap of paper bearing the words "Directions to P...". In Gold's own handwriting. "Gold" had given it to Yakovlev more than a year before.

He opened his wallet, took out the matching piece bearing the words "...aul-street," and showed it to the stranger.

"Be at the south-west corner of Third Avenue and 42nd Street at nine o'clock," the tall man said.

When Gold got there Yakovlev was waiting for him. The two

men walked to Second Avenue and sat down in a bar. The Sixth Man ordered drinks.

"I want you to go to Paris early in March," Yakovlev said. "That will be difficult," Gold replied. "It is not so easy to get away from my new job at Abe Brothman and Associates."

At mention of the name Brothman, Yakovlev panicked. "You fool," he said. "Brothman is being watched by the F.B.I. as a suspected spy. Now the G-men are sure to get on your trail."

He threw down three times the cost of the drinks on the table and dashed out of the bar.

Safety first

WHILE Gold walked along with him trying to calm him down, Yakovlev kept muttering. "You've spoiled 11 years of work. You've ruined everything."

Suddenly he turned round, stared into Gold's face, and said: "You will never see me in the United States again." Then he disappeared down a side street.

Three days later, true to his principles of determination and safety first the Sixth Man was in a ship bound for Russia. His fears had been well founded. Early in 1947 two G-men questioned Gold about his relationship with Brothman. He brazened that out. But when the ring was eventually rounded up Brothman got seven years' imprisonment and a \$15,000 fine.

There was no answer when the name Anatoli Antonovich Yakovlev was called as defendant on a capital charge of espionage in New York's Southern District Court on March 15 last.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

20 TO 1 AGAINST WAR, SAY LLOYD'S

ODDS against war in the next few weeks are reckoned by Lloyd's of London to be at least 20 to one.

That is the basis on which underwriters are insuring nervous Hollywood film companies against the risk of war holding up films now in production.

They are also covering Hollywood against losing the services of young film stars who would be drafted into the Forces if war came.

The same odds of 20 to one are being made available to promoters of fairs, conferences, and exhibitions in Europe and America who seek protection against war risks.

For a premium of £200 the organisers can cover themselves against losses of up to £4,000 if war upsets their plans.

Short Terms

At least 60 fairs and exhibitions due to be held before October are likely to be insured in this way.

But Lloyd's have decided not to accept personal accident war risks on the usual 12 months basis. They are prepared to insure only for short terms of 30 or 60 days.

The Royal Family's projected visit to Australia is bringing many inquiries for insurance from flag-makers, caterers, souvenir manufacturers, and printers. They are anxious to cover themselves against loss if the tour has to be postponed.

But here, too, underwriters are chary of quoting a rate. They prefer to wait until the event is nearer.

Though war risks begin to loom rather more noticeably, the great bulk of Lloyd's business is still concerned with the hazards of ordinary, every day life.

For £2 a year underwriters have no hesitation in insuring a husband, wife, and their children under 18 against infantile paralysis, smallpox, and typhoid.

Not High

If a member of the family incurs any of these diseases, compensation of £10 a week for up to 100 weeks will be paid—which indicates that the risks are not high.

Insurance against the weather has become a regular feature. There is a regular business also with property owners who insure against the risk of tall buildings falling down and damaging their own property.

More unusual was the case of an American strip-tease dancer who recently insured her bust against the risk of accident or disease.

She was inspired by Mistinguett, who had a £10,000 policy to protect her shapely legs, and by Paderewski, the pianist, who insured his hands for a large amount.

Policies of this sort can involve heavy payments. When Dr Hugh Hamilton, a 45-year-old Kansas City surgeon, stumbled a few weeks ago and shot off his foot with the gun he was carrying, the accident cost Lloyd's £142,000.

Hamilton had insured his limbs against injury for an annual premium of £357—and had paid only one premium.

An unusual risk which did not lead to a claim came when the 4,500-strong Turkish contingent was flown to Korea to join the United Nations forces.

Strange Policy

Lloyd's insured each officer on the journey for £1,000, the N.C.O.s for £500, and "other ranks" for £100.

One of the strangest policies ever issued by Lloyd's is now being exhibited by them. It was taken out in 1925 by an American to cover the risk of the Kaiser being reinstated on the German Throne by November that year. He paid £37 to obtain cover for £357.

Old hands at Lloyd's still recall the stranger who came along and said he wanted to take out an insurance to pay a total loss in the event of Gertrude Ederle swimming the Channel.

"Surely," they said, "you want to insure against her falling in swim the Channel?" "No," the man insisted. And so for a small premium he got his insurance.

The girl swam the Channel. The man collected the money. He was Gertrude's father!

Sitting on the Fence....by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Child wife

He was verwy, verwy wude. I'm not surprised. What are we having for dinner?

Ice cream and cakes. Anything else?

Jam puffs, doughnuts and taffee.

That sounds delicious. It's a pity I have to go out to dinner tonight.

Without saying "Good night" to Janey?

No, I'll say "Good night" to Janey first. And to you, too, sweetheart.

About noses

AFTER reading evidence given in the case of Miss Yvonne Page, awarded a farthing damages in an action against Mr Sydney Simone, thousands of cuts, and perhaps a few doggies, may soon be snuffing your poor Uncle Nat for assault.

The jury found that Mr Simone had technically assaulted Miss Page by kissing her, snacking her, and pressing her nose with his thumb.

Pressing noses with your thumb has been one of your uncle's minor vices since he was about three years old.

At that age he began on his mother's nose.

When she grew tired of it he pressed the noses of his sisters. When they rebelled he started

welcome kiss a little thumb shot out and squashed the noses hovering under the veils.

He can still hear their cries of pain and astonishment.

When he grew older he discovered that cats' noses were more satisfying than women's noses.

Moreover, you could always give a cat a bit of liver to make up for the inconvenience, a thing you could hardly do to an aunt.

Since then he has pressed the nose of every cat he has met. Some have been indignant, some co-operative, a few sacrificing their noses generously to an unusual whim.

His own cat Lottie has become so accustomed to the idea that she now offers her nose mechanically, with an air of quiet resignation.

★ ★ ★
Although your uncle dislikes doggies because he is nervous of them, he cannot resist dogs' noses either.

But as doggies often bite, he never commits a technical assault on strange doggies. He waits until an uneasy friend, tickles the doggie's ear, presses its nose quickly, and withdraws his hand before he loses it.

One doggie liked it so much that he followed your uncle about for days, asking for more.

If psychiatrists are interested in the case, they might like to know about your uncle's greatest ambition.

He wants to press bigger and bigger noses.

One day he hopes to find a doped tiger and press its vast

According to American scientists studying agriculture, "Some cows are angry and kick the bucket over when being milked because there is always a queen cow in the herd who makes the unsuccessful ones bitter and obsessed with persecution mania."

WHY do you look so angry, Daisy, beautiful Daisy, Daisybell?

Long is the grass in the meadow shady; the buttercups bloom in the dell.

"I am sick and tired of the dell," said Daisy, "sick of the meadow as well."

"As for your buttercups, nuts to your buttercups."

Said beautiful Daisybell.

Why are you sick of the world, dear Daisy, beautiful Daisy, Daisybell?

Why are you sick of the long sweet grasses, weary of buttercups, tired of the dell?

"Because there's an insolent cow called Queenie, Queenie who queens it over the dell."

"A cow by name, and a cow by nature, is Queenie the Cow," said Daisybell.

Why does your milk not flow so freely, beautiful Daisy, Daisybell?

Why is the bucket kicked over the barnyard, over the meadow and over the dell?

"Because I am jealous of arrogant Queenie, Queenie whose milk is the talk of the dell—"

"When I kick at a bucket she bucket is Queenie, the insolent"

"My troubles started because I had a woman's body and a child's emotions," said Elizabeth Taylor, discussing her matrimonial affairs with a reporter.

WITHOUT knowing a thing, and caring less, about Elizabeth's private life, this is the sort of homecoming any man who married a woman with a child's emotions might expect.

And what's the little woman been doing all day? Playing wiv my dollies.

Have the dollies been good? Janey's been verwy, verwy, naughty.

Is Janey the one with no legs and the stuffing coming out of her tummy?

Ess.

What's she been doing? She's been leek.

But that's not naughty. Besides, she has no tummy to be leek with.

She was leek because she had too much chokey crunch.

Is she better now? Ess. I put her to bed wiv a hot water bottle.

What then? I sent for the doctor.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Whole Hand Can Control the Suit

By OSWALD JACOBY

I AM often asked "What is the best way to play this suit?" Usually I cautiously ask to see the whole hand before I will answer such a question.

This caution sometimes surprises people. "What difference does the whole hand make?" they ask. "There must be a right way to play the suit."

The best way to answer such a question is to show how the nature of the whole hand controls the suit. Today's hand illustrates the point.

When this hand was actually played, declarer won the opening lead with dummy's ace of clubs, laid down the ace of spades, then finessed the jack of spades. West won with the queen of spades and led another club, forcing South to ruff. South then drew the rest of the trumps.

If the trump suit is considered all by itself, South had handled it best. The finesse was his best

NORTH 28	
♠ A 6	
♥ K 7 5 2	
♦ 10 8	
♣ A 9 5 4	
WEST EAST	
♠ 7 4 2	♠ 5 3
♥ 10	♥ Q J 9 4 3
♦ A 6 2	♦ 7 5 4
♣ K Q J 10 8	♣ 8 3
SOUTH (D)	
♠ K J 10 9 8	
♥ A 8	
♦ K Q J 9 3	
♣ 7	
N-S vul.	
South West North East	
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Double Pass	
2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass Pass	
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ K	

chance to avoid the loss of a trump trick. However, once the trump finesse had lost, South was sure to be set.

When South led diamonds, West could take his ace and cash the rest of his clubs. Even if declarer had not drawn all of the trumps, the result would have been the same. After South had ruffed a club, he had only as many trumps as West. Whenever he led diamonds, West would take the ace and return clubs. West could therefore stay one trump ahead of South.

If South had considered the whole hand instead of merely the trump suit, he would not have taken a finesse in trumps. The right play is to take the ace of spades and follow with the king of spades. South then switches to diamonds.

The best defence is for West to win the ace of diamonds and lead clubs. South ruffs and then ignores the two trump tricks that are still out. He merely leads diamonds and hearts until West—takes his—two—trump—tricks.

The correct line of play loses two trump tricks but makes the contract. The wrong line of play loses only one trump trick but fails to make the contract.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, your partner deals and bids one spade. The next player bids two clubs. You hold: Spades K-Q-8-2, Hearts 7-5-3, Diamonds 9-4-3, Clubs 3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This is a borderline free bid since you have only one honour trick. However, you have the weaker trump support and one doubler—so you cannot afford to pass.

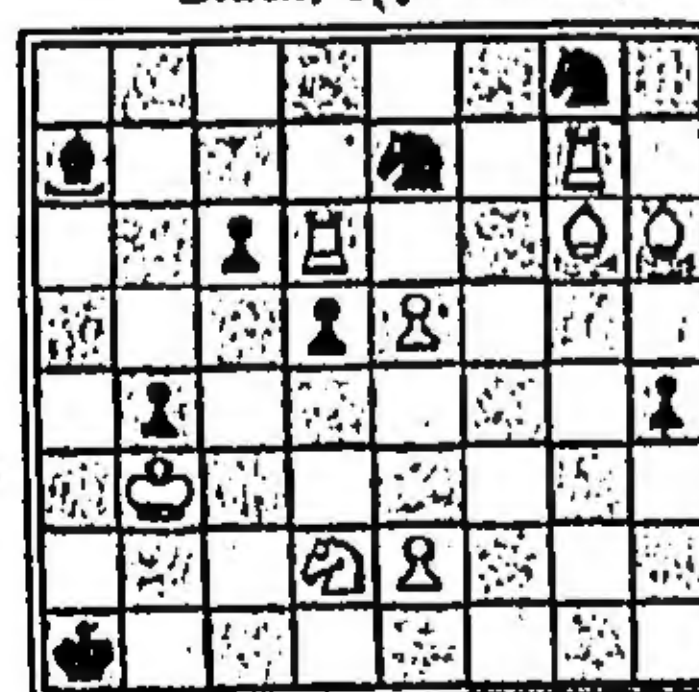
TODAY'S QUESTION

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Answer tomorrow.

CHESS PROBLEM

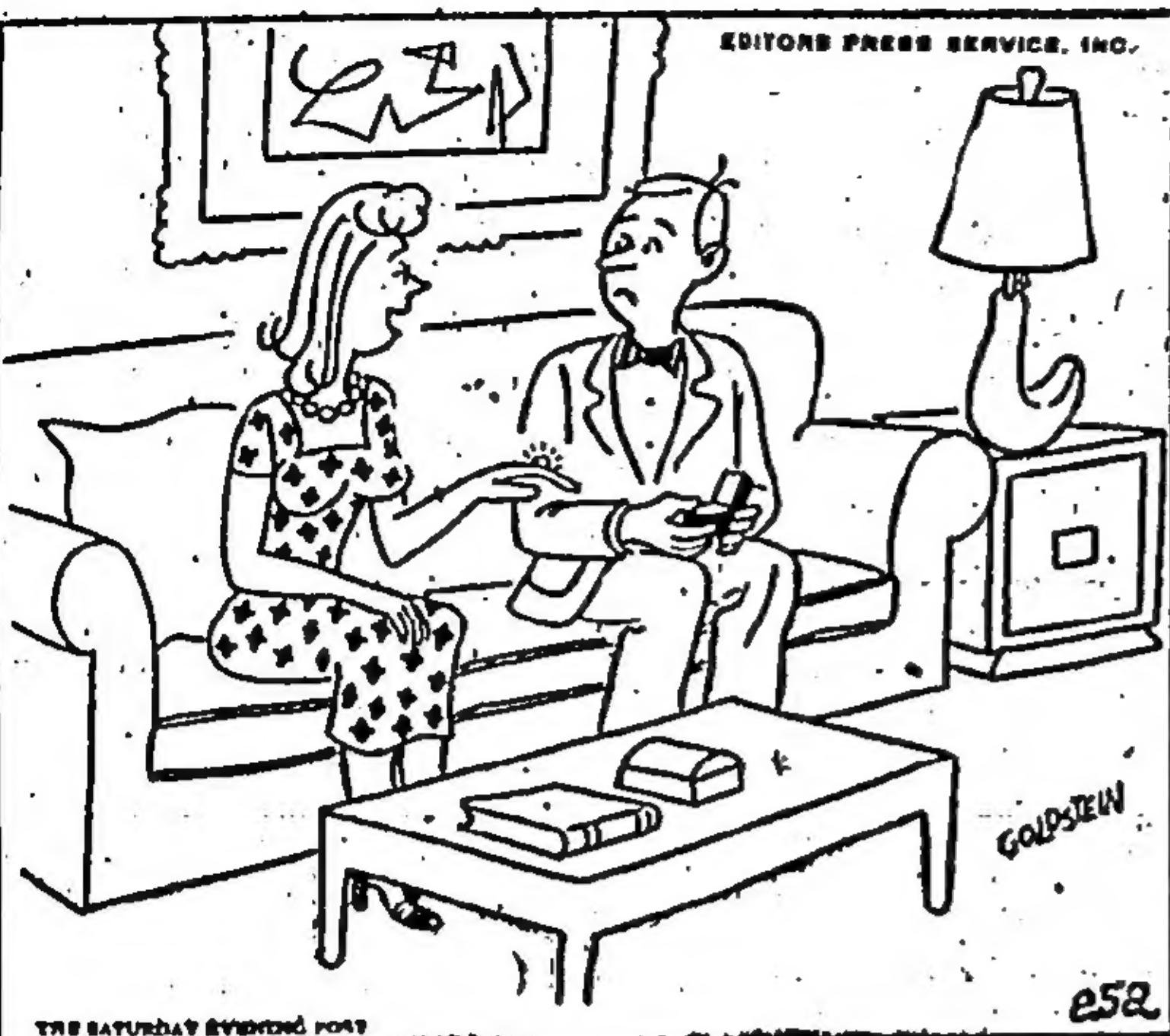
By C. SCHRAEDER
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. BxP, any; 2. Q, Kt, or P mates.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What British fortress is nicknamed "The Rock"?
2. Name the first European capital to be liberated from Axis control by the Allies in World War II.
3. How many continents make a station?
4. What is a Nautilus Girl?
5. Whom did Leander swim nightly across the Hellespont to see?



"I can't wait to tell my folks. They'll be so relieved!"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE restaurant, says a piece of travel literature, is recommended by—, and then follows the name of a body which goes about abroad hanging enamel plaques and certificates of good cooking round the necks of hotels, thereby dragging them down to the level of books "chosen" by rival literary gangs.

I am happy and proud to say that I know a restaurant in the Department of Air (to be specifically precise, it is not a million kilometres from Bourges-en-France, which the Bretons pronounce Bourk), and this restaurant has refused to be another of the good and conduct medals by self-conscious gourmets. I asked the proprietor why this place had been "de-cored," and he replied that he preferred to keep out of all that sort of thing. A noble example. May it be followed by others.

Report on underground flying
PLANS for enormous underground stores of food are being made by scientists (the chief difficulty being the fact that Jack Hopkins with a light laugh). A recent

article on this subject reminded me of the Strabismus report on the possibilities of underground flying. This may become useful when we are all living underground in hygienic caves. "What goes on above ground is so beastly," said a well-known seafarer yesterday, "that one contemplates life below the surface with less boredom, actually, than one has feared." Definitely the role of the do.

Negative delivery of coal
THIS word "underdelivery," which is all the rage at the moment, will probably be followed by "negative delivery," meaning the delivery of nothing at all. But what is so wrong with the latter? Controllers must have for the units of personnel, if they believe that anybody is taken in by the attempted concealment of obvious facts under a mound of barbarous gibberish.

Marginal note
IF any sailor can find a man mad enough to pay £45 for a suit of clothes he deserves the money, and I do not see that the man who pays £45 you can get eight dozen of drinkable claret. If you say "I prefer expensive clothes to wine," then I wish you all the fun you deserve, which is precious little.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

IF you are born today, you are one of those happy, "life-loving" people, you seem to take joy in everything you do and spread your happiness over the social group which surrounds you. Fond of art, drama and poetry, you easily might become the centre of an interesting intellectual group and become a leading light. Whether or not you develop your own talents will depend on the deal upon your early training and experience. You might be one to help others cultivate their talents rather than develop your own.

Travel holds a definite fascination for you and you probably will visit many foreign lands during your life. On the other hand, you have a strong love of home and always will want a comfortable family group as a centre of operations. If you could get into

some kind of work which takes you from land to land—moving your family with you—nothing could be more suitable to your temperament. You would succeed as a diplomat or a foreign correspondent if trained for it.

You women have more than ordinary good judgment and have a gift for languages. You know how to make a house into a home—no matter where you are. Anywhere you unpack a travelling bag can become "home." Highly idealistic in romance, you must guard against being too impulsive when it comes to affairs of the heart. Consider well before marrying, or there can be unhappiness in store for you.

Find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Combine social and business plans for the best possible results today. You can make a good advance now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Test all offers made today and make sure they are trustworthy. If possible postpone important decisions.

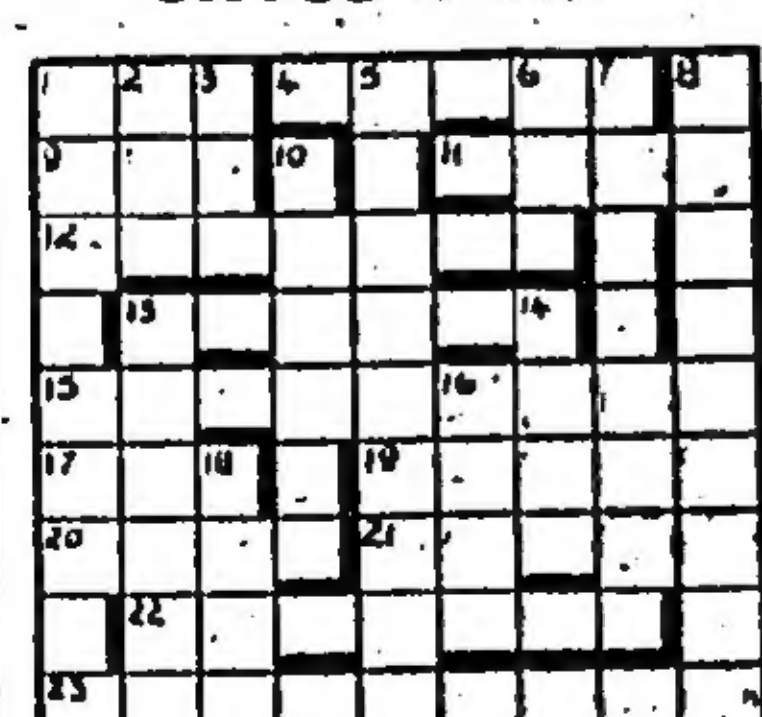
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Continue yesterday's activities advantageously. Romance and short trips are on the agenda. Plan a holiday.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Today shows a business improvement, so make the best of all potentials. Follow through yesterday's ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—The "go ahead" light is on for all your plans. Push them through with satisfactory completion now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Put your new plans into operation. Expansion is all right today.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Penny makes this mad. (9)
4. Condone—in small body? (5)
11. Proper European. (4)
12. With respect, you all differently. (5)
13. The gap of the bill. (6)
16. Fold back particles? (5 for a chess move)
17. This rage means moon. (5)
18. Heavenly record breaker? (5)
19. Close over this. (5)
21. The clue is to ward off. (5)
22. A dark one can give light. (5)
23. Needs some altered to be punished. (5)

Down

1. A sugar and makes vegetable. (9)
2. French faith. (5)
3. Also we have plural. (3)
5. Sounds like a corroded lady! (9)
6. A minor. (3)
7. Also is certainly not dress mad! (5)
8. Things to be this should be. (5)
10. He saw things from all angles. (5)
13. Reproach—concerning what is bad? (5)
14. Pluck. (4)
15. Bomb drop. (5)
18. Dash. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. BxP, any; 2. Q, Kt, or P mates.

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

MARRIED life is like a sweet song, says a pastor. In which one party often gives the other party the air.

Time is money only when you spend yours earning it.

Golf is a natural beauty specialist, says a woman pro. It does somehow keep you in a fair way.

Always trying to fall back on your friends eventually makes you miss some of them.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Sixteen Marbles

By T. O. HARE

I HAVE a bag which contains 16 marbles. They are of three colours. If I draw from the bag enough marbles (but only just enough) to make sure that I have drawn either at least one blue one, or at least one red one, the number which I must draw is equal to the number of red marbles in the bag. It is similarly, I draw from the bag enough marbles to be sure that I have drawn either at least one red one, or at least one blue one, the number which I must draw is equal to twice the number of blue marbles in the bag.

WOMANSENSE



The Playtime Girl



Drawn by ROBB

- ★ Left: Grey linen shorts-length dress, cut on princess lines; divided skirt, slant-wise hip pocket, cap sleeves, Eton collar, with three buttons.
- ★ Centre: Waterproof all-weather tunic, zipper front and pockets. Raglan sleeves for comfort, cotton cap with knitted welt to keep hair tidy. Cotton drill shorts, and light shirt beneath.
- ★ Right: Bright-coloured, sleeveless jerkin with deep pockets and belted back, slips on over poplin shirt with full sleeves, white tailored shorts with turn-ups.

Ounce-weight Clothes Trend

Los Angeles. The threat of material shortage is going to result in some mighty wispie cloth for women this summer. Manufacturers are out to conserve cloth, which is daily becoming more expensive and harder to get. Here are a few samples of the lightweight stuff: one and a half-ounce poplin; girder; three-ounce slipp; a four-ounce halter blouse—a similar model with sleeves weighs at 10-ounce; pleated nylon skirt; six-ounce pleated play shorts; seven-ounce silk dress; a silk blouse; nylon nightgown of four ounces and a nine-ounce—Associated Press.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Exciting Hunting Experience

—Some Elephants Captured General Tin—

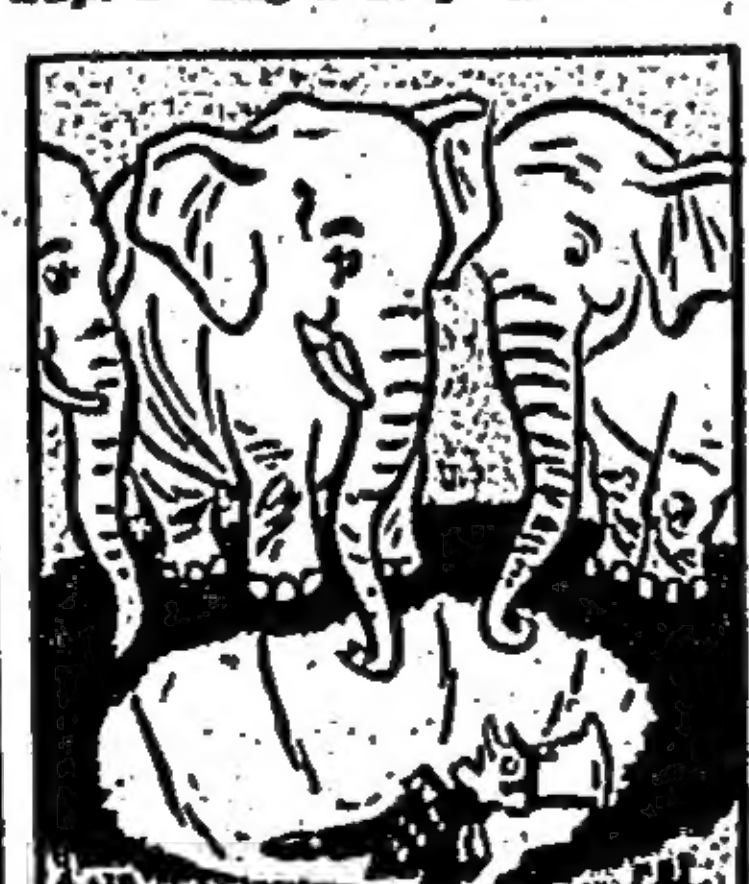
By MAX TRELL

"DID I ever tell you," said General Tin the tin soldier, to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "how one day I was hunting in the jungle and I was captured by the elephants? It's a very strange story. I hardly expect you to believe it. But every word of it is true."

"Well," said General Tin, "as I mentioned before I was in the jungle, hunting. It was a far-away jungle, in the middle of Africa between Lake Poosh and the Mountain called Moogle. Don't try to look up those places in the geography book, or on a map. You won't find them."

Home To The Zoo
"At any rate, I had started out quite early to hunt some elephants and bring them home to the zoo. So there I was, creeping without a sound from tree to tree, looking and listening for the sight or the sound of an elephant. I had my trusty musket with me, of course. But I hoped I wouldn't have to use it. I didn't want to hurt any of the elephants. I just wanted to catch them."

"Finally I decided to build a trap. I dug a deep hole in the ground, covered it over lightly with branches and leaves so that the hole couldn't be seen. Then I lay down quietly nearby and waited for the elephants to come along."



General Tin fell in the trap

ground, covered it over lightly with branches and leaves so that the hole couldn't be seen. Then I lay down quietly nearby and waited for the elephants to come along."

"Suddenly," General Tin continued, "I heard them coming. I slipped over to the edge of the trap to make sure everything was all right. And then—woosh!"

"What happened? My goodness!" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid in alarm.

"I fell into the trap myself!" General Tin said. "And the next instant, before I could climb out again, there were all the elephants, looking down at me from the top. 'We've caught him!' I heard one of the elephants say to the others. 'Let's bring him home!'"

So they reached down with their trunks and pulled me out. But they held me tightly. I couldn't get away. And off they marched with me, back to their elephant village."

Knarf and Hanid had never heard of a hunter being captured by the animals he was hunting!

A Deep Breath
General Tin drew a deep breath and took up his story again. "Soon we reached the elephant village. It was quite a large clearing in the middle of the jungle. There were houses, and streets. Everything was neat and clean. And there was also a zoo!"

"A zoo?" said Knarf.

"A zoo," repeated General Tin. "There were all kinds of other hunters in this zoo. I was astonished to see them. 'You'll be treated kindly the other hunters told me after the elephants had put me into one of the cages. 'You'll get plenty to eat. But you won't like living in a cage.'"

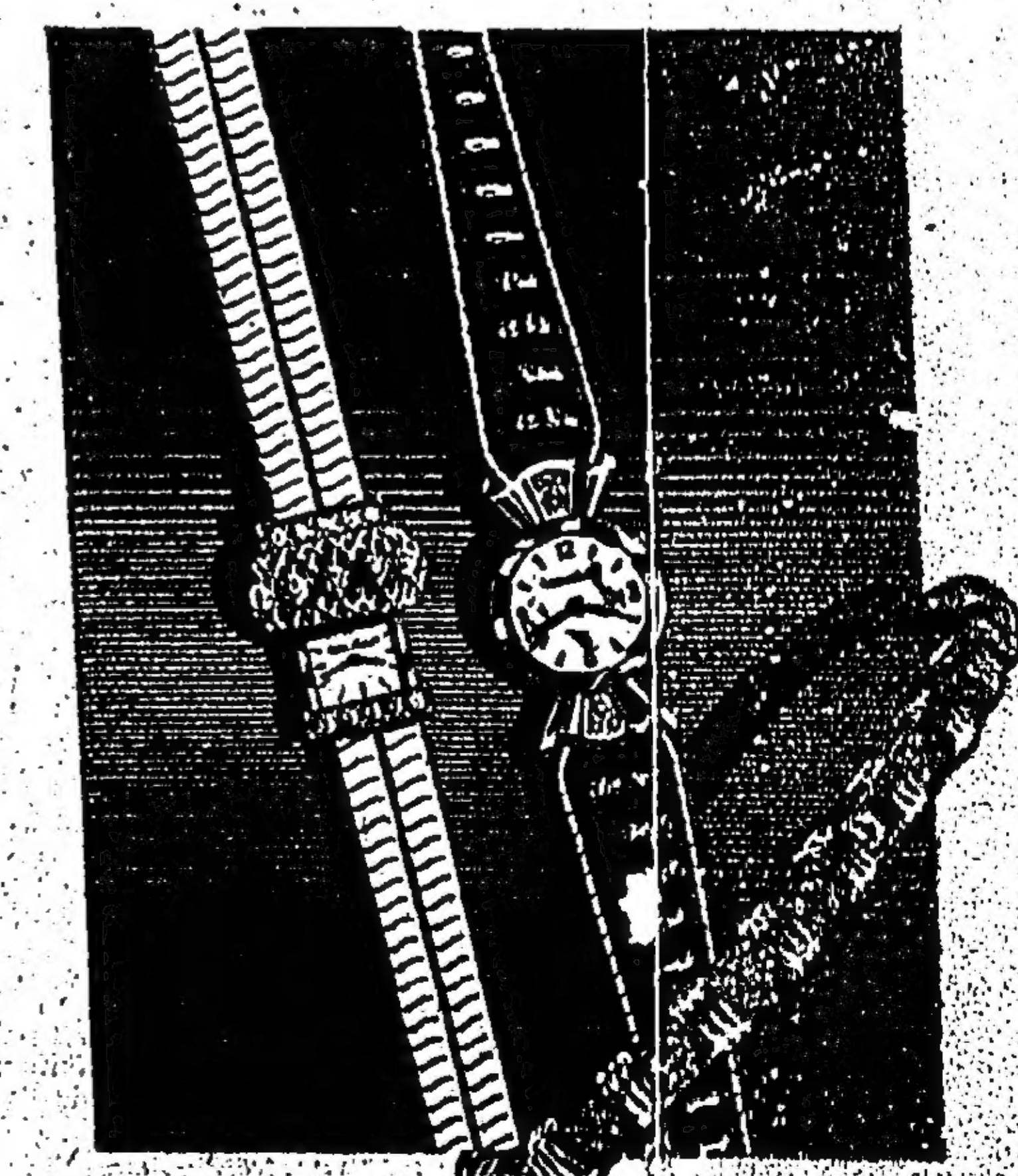
"They really did treat me kindly," said General Tin to Knarf and Hanid. "All day long boy-elephants and girl-elephants and men-elephants and lady-elephants came and stood in front of my cage, staring at me. Some of them would throw me

peanuts and sticks of candy. Now and then I would shout, and they would look a little frightened. But though I was treated kindly, I didn't at all like living in a cage. Fortunately one day my elephant keeper forgot to lock my door, and I escaped. I was mighty glad to be free again—to go where I pleased—to do what I liked. I guess elephants don't like living in a cage, either."

FALCONER'S

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LITTLE THINGS THAT PLEASE



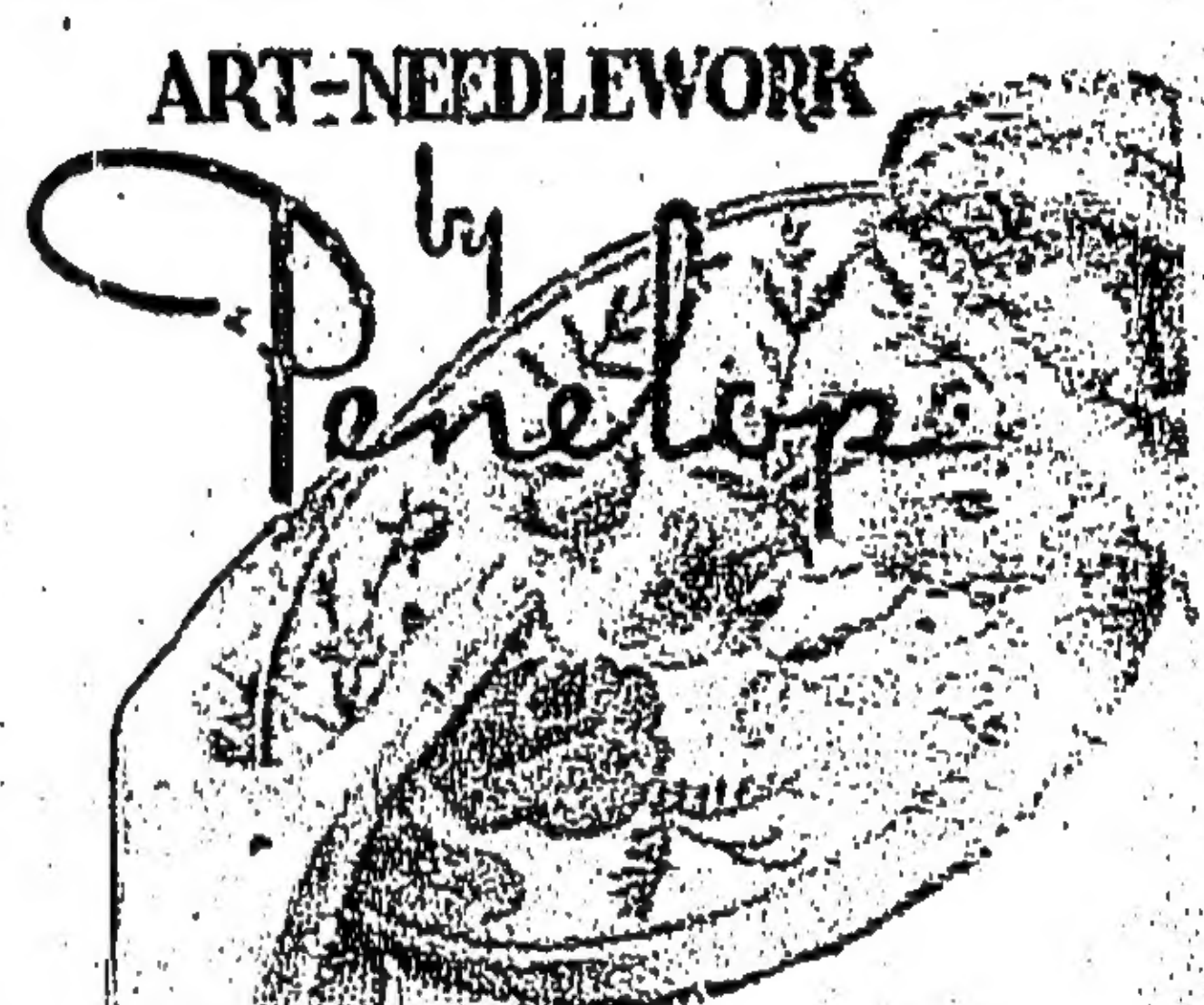
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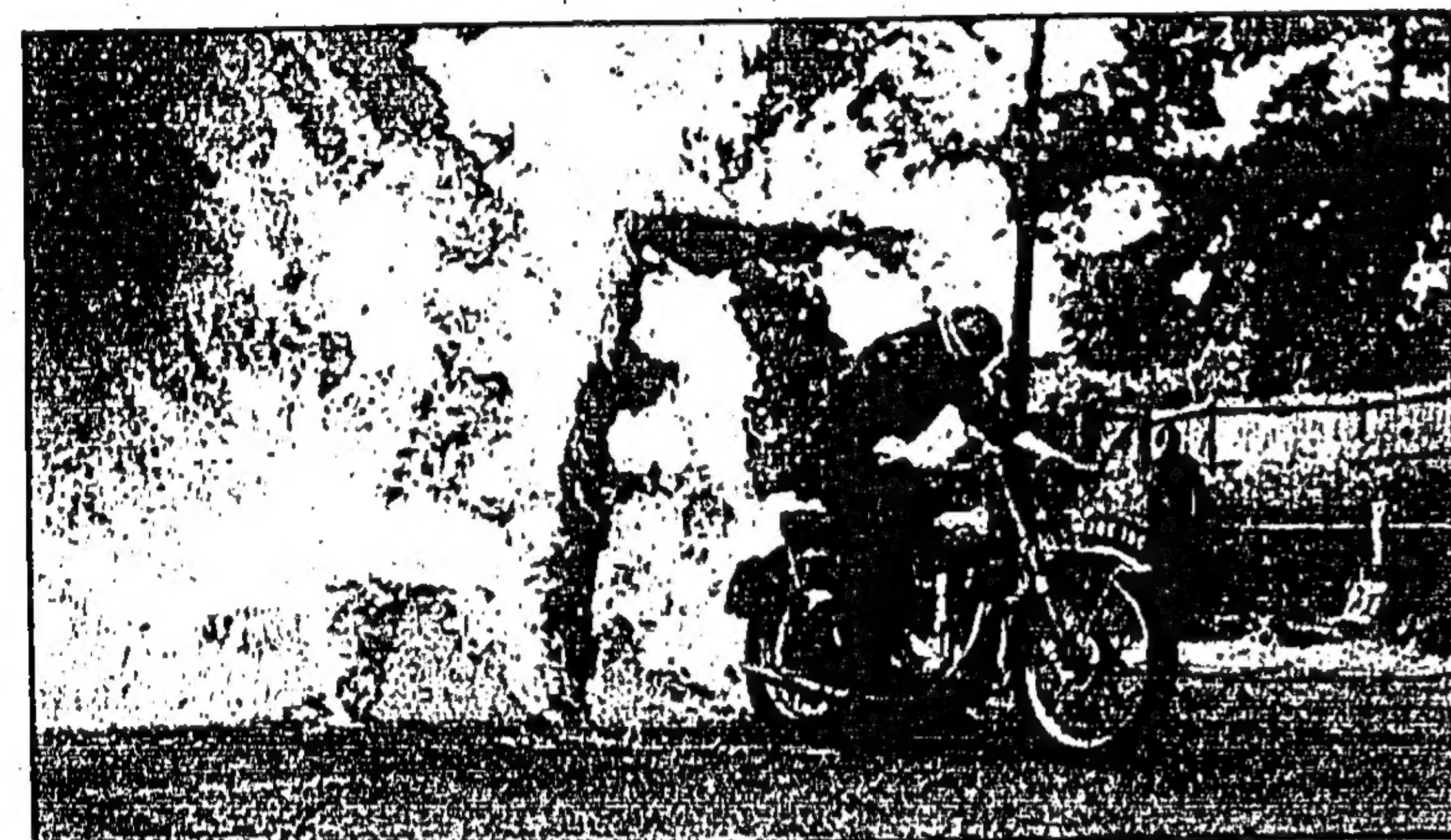
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For sheer thrills, spectacular daring and split-second timing there is little to compare with motor-cycle stunt riding. And no one can provide them better than the Army's two crack display teams which I had the good fortune to see in action within twenty-four hours of each other recently.

The Catterick Signals, in their dark-blue-red-faced uniforms and white crash helmets, were delighting the Royal Tournament crowds with a polished, streamlined fifteen-minute display on their Triumphs. And on a football pitch at Bordon, Hampshire, the stunt men of the Army Mechanical Transport School, in battledress and wearing green and yellow crash helmets, demonstrated in just over half an hour on BSAs how closely they rival the Signals in skill and showmanship.

The trick men from Bordon, who are just starting another successful season which will take them to military tattoos and sports meetings, carnivals and fetes, horticultural shows and municipal celebrations from the Isle of Wight to Birmingham and from the West Country to Essex every Saturday during the summer, had originally been booked for this year's Tournament. They dropped out when the revival of the Aldershot Tattoo was planned, but this has now been called cancelled owing to the intense concentration on training.

Their fifteen riders are, with one exception, officers, warrant officers and NCO's of the School's permanent staff. The old man out is a National Serviceman, no less accomplished or unorthodox a rider as his seniors.

The School, which was formed in 1940 from the old RA Transport School and from the Infantry Driving and Maintenance School at Kewstoke, trains instructors in the driving, maintenance and administration of mechanical transport, spreads its doctrines by manuals, training films and travelling teams, and also tries out new vehicles and components.

LEADING TRIALS RIDERS

Bordon naturally breeds enthusiastic motorists and motorcyclists. Among the crack riders are Sergeant G.M. Berry, the Inter-Services champion Trials rider for the past three years, Staff-Sergeant E. Arnott and Sergeant A. Ormesher, both Gold Medalists in the International Six-Day Trials.

As a team these three are Southern Command Champions. Ormesher, unfortunately, recently had a cartilage removed following a knee injury and it may be a little time before he is in the saddle again.

The fourth of the School's Gold Medalists in the International Six-Day Trials is Captain D.C. Osmond, RA, the captain of the Display Team, which is currently run on voluntary lines. The success depends

wholly on the keenness of its members; all practice is done in their spare time, and displays are always given at week-ends when they do not interfere with normal working parades.

The team is in no way assisted by public funds; it does not even use WD machines. The motor-cycles—eleven 350 c.c. models, three 500 c.c. and a 125 c.c. Bantam—have all been loaned free of charge by the BSA Company.

NO CONCESSIONS

These long-suffering cycles, which have not been altered or strengthened in any way, stand up to almost incredible punishment, and the show is the zenith of the unorthodox.

High jumping from twin ramps; figures of eight or weaving patterns with machines passing within inches of each other at high speed; ten men mounting a single cycle, or the whole party clambering on to three machines; remote control riding with a man directing his cycle with the aid of reins while standing upright on the saddle, or, for that matter, without reins at all; and a series of elaborate tableaux with men lying at acute angles or producing remarkable pyramid effects are some of the attractions this Team provides to demonstrate perfect balance, poise, and coordination of man and machine.

The star turns include riding a saw; a climb up a ladder while the machine to which it is fixed careers around the arena; precision shooting of balloons by expert marksmen on fast-moving, and finally, a death-defying race through a 20-foot tunnel of blazing fire by the whole team. And that, from the scorched eyebrows I noticed after the display, is definitely no picnic.

Certainly this climax, which was a great favourite with the 65,000 spectators attending a Speedway Test at Wembley last year, and the sixty thousand who crowded the Swindon Town Football Ground for a military tattoo, is as spectacular a finale as anything in circus or show business.

JACK WARNER FLYING OUT TO KOREA TO ENTERTAIN COMMONWEALTH TROOPS

Going through the whole gamut of inoculations and vaccinations at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, London, for the past few days has been the popular film, radio and music hall star, Jack Warner.

For Jack, just back from Norway where he has been making the exterior for his new film "Valley of Eagles" with John Macallum, is leaving for Korea by air on June 22.

He will be the first British artist to entertain the Commonwealth troops fighting around the 38th Parallel, and proposes to spend a month touring units with his cheerful, down-to-earth humour and vast repertoire of songs. With him are going Bobby

Alderson, his pianist for the past 14 years, and ventriloquist Jack Rogers, who have just returned from a successful tour of Malta, Libya and the Canal Zone with Leslie Henson.

Jack, who was born within the sound of Bow bells, sprang to fame at the outbreak of World War Two as the Cockney soldier with the catch-phrase "Mind My Bike" in the BBC "Garrison Theatre" series. The series was vastly popular and lasted until April 1940, after which the show went to the West End stage and then toured Britain for 30 months.

SCREEN VARIETY

In the last year of the war, he scored a big personal success as the Cockney prisoner-of-war in the moving British film "The Captive Heart". This first venture in a new medium sealed his popularity, and he

has appeared regularly in films ever since.

He was the Black Market villain in "Hue and Cry", a Cockney bus driver in "Holiday Camp", a detective sergeant in "It Always Rains on Sunday", a football pool winner in "Easy Money", a soldier of fortune who turns traitor in "Against the Wind", a hardened criminal in "My Brother's Keeper", the engine driver of "Train of Events", the policeman who gets murdered in "The Blue Lamp", and of course Joe Huggitt, the likeable factory foreman round whose family the Huggitt series was made.

In between all this activity before the sound cameras, Jack has continued to make regular appearances on the radio and is heard frequently on the BBC.

Although he so often portrayed the solid, reliable and always cheerful Cockney soldier, Jack actually served as

an airman in World War One. He studied motor engineering at London University and was later apprenticed to the motor trade. He spent 1941-1948 in France with the Royal Flying Corps and the RAF, and became an observer. When the hostilities ended, he took up motor racing and competed in a number of international events on the Continent.

STAGE-STRUCK

He had always had a hankering for the stage, however. Whilst still in the motor trade he had appeared in plays and entertainments semi-professionally and made his first broadcast from Savoy Hill in 1927, and eventually he made the stage his career. Jack recalls being interested in entertaining at a very early age. He used to play the violin in the family orchestra. His mother sang, father played the piano, and his sisters the violin and piano.

His sisters, by the way, are Elsie and Doris Waters, who as "Gert" and "Daisy" have been delighting us for years on the radio and wireless with their homely, topical humour. They too broke fresh ground entertaining the troops overseas when they were the first to visit the "Forgotten Army" in Burma during World War Two. And their accompaniment on both their war-time visits to the Far East—the second time they went as far as Hongkong—was Bobby Alderson.

Jack Warner will not be long in England on his return from Korea. He is off again in September, this time to Spain, for another film. — PETER LOVEGROVE.

Ken Smith and John G Drummond SHOW TALKING

Will The Oliviers Do A Song And Dance Act?

THE late and great Phineas T. Barnum, showman, never had any difficulty with his advertising copy. He described each of his presentations simply, if not modestly, as "the greatest show on earth," and died worth £1,000,000.

Since he was the greatest showman on earth, his "barking" was generally justified, but even the fabulous Phineas T. is to be surpassed, outstripped, beaten hollow and generally made to look like a small-time beginner on June 25 at the London Palladium.

The occasion is the Sid Field tribute, scheduled to begin at 11.30 p.m. and to end when artists, customers, or both are exhausted.

It is being organised by Danny Kaye, Bud Flanagan, Val Parrell, and Jack Hylton, and the

greatest names in international show business, representing every branch of the entertainment industry, will be taking part.

DANNY AS HAMLET?

THE DETAILS of the programme are still so secret that Danny Kaye sleeps with them every night under his pillow—and worries about talking in his sleep. But our guess is that there will be some startling performances on the night, and that a few secret ambitions will be fulfilled.

Of Sir Laurence and Vivien Leigh do a song and dance act. If Danny Kaye plays Hamlet and Bud Flanagan turns up as the Mikado with a Crazy Gang of Gondoliers we will try not to bat an eye.

In its way, this show will make theatrical history, and we hope that the BBC will have the initiative to record some of it for transmission at a later date.

APART FROM the pleasure the broadcast would give to millions, the organisers would be glad of the BBC fee to swell the takings, for there is a practical necessity allied to the desire to pay tribute to the genius of Sir Field as one of the great British comedians of all time.

Sir Field was still a comparatively young man when he died last year, and did not reach his peak until the Chancellor of the Exchequer reached his. By the time Sir Field was paying £50,000 a year into his bank account, the Chancellor was taking it right out again at 10s. 6d. in the £.

The only beneficiary under the will was the Inland Revenue, and so the proceeds from the Palladium show are to be used to found a trust fund for his children, Elaine, Diane and John Nicholas.

FAROUK'S NEW DANCES

IF TWO Spanish dancers by the name of Rosario and Antonio make an old Irish gesture and offer to dance at your wedding, turn them down flat—and quickly.

They did as much for King Farouk recently, and it cost them a merry month of £3,000 for a single performance, plus the cost of a special plane to fly them from Seville to Cairo.

His Egyptian Majesty apparently thought them value for money, however, since he employed them, successfully, to stay on and give publicly performed dances in Cairo and Alexandria.

These cousins were to make their British debut at London's Cambridge Theatre. They began by dancing in the streets of their native Seville, and now claim to be the highest paid dancers in the world.

What price Fred Astaire?

SEEMS to be an expensive business all round. Darius and Julia, who are appearing in Latin Quarter at the London Casino, are to make a film in Paris by day and still dances in London by night.

The film will take six weeks to complete, and £1,500 will be added to the production costs for air tickets.

IT IS REASONABLY safe to prophesy that eventually almost everyone in England will see The Hollow, Agatha Christie's latest whodunit, which opened at the Fortune Theatre on Thursday.

Only a small proportion can see it at the Fortune, even if it runs there for years; for this is one of London's smallest theatres—with 493 seats. But this we are sure is only the beginning of its success on

and lucrative voyage. The Hollow will be filmed, televised, broadcast, and for the next decade or so will head the "sure-fire" list compiled for repertory companies and amateur societies.

A PUZZLER

CONSIDERED PURELY as a play it would be a negligible contribution to the drama, but as a whodunit (and they have been woefully scarce in recent years) it is a fascinating and intriguing exhibition of sleight-of-hand on the part of the author.

There is just enough characterisation in the characters to give the actors something to do, and just enough sub-plot to counteract the odour of red herrings. And, of course, it is impossible to determine who did it until it is time to go home.

We are notoriously stupid at the mystery-guessing game, but even the clever ones were puzzled this time.

IT—SADDENED

our critical hearts to see the best actor on view, Ernest Clark, bumped off—half-way through the second act. This, however, acted as a spur to the others and with Jeanne de Casalis playing a variation on Mrs. Feather, supported by George Thorpe's mixture of charm and authority and the contrasting temperament of Joan Newall, Beryl Baxter and Jessica Spencer, we had enough to satisfy our appetites.

WHEN THE ARTS

THEATRE Club announced a Festival play competition carrying a substantial cash prize, promoted to encourage young authors, we applauded a noble gesture.

Here, it seemed, was a talent-spotting venture that might produce from among the great unknowns an embryonic Rattigan or Fry. But there was one dangerous fly in the ointment of encouragement: professional playwrights with successes to their credits were also allowed to compete.

Now the result has been announced—a triple tie for first place—and those concerned in the photo finish have all had previous plays presented in the West End. One is Enid Bagnold, and after "National Velvet" we would not have thought she was much in need of encouragement.

The Arts defend themselves by saying that out of a total entry of 1,000 plays only 40 were fit to be submitted to the judges. Nevertheless, we suggest that next time an "encouraging" play competition is organised it should be confined to authors who have never enjoyed professional presentation. One foot on the bottom rung of the ladder is all the encouragement real talent ever needed.

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Welsh Strike Spreading

Cardiff, June 19.

An unofficial strike of miners spreading in South Wales had 7,000 men idle at 21 pits today. They are striking in sympathy with 87 men who had refused to work ten days ago when they were ordered to work in another colliery.

Spasmodic stoppages over the last ten days have affected nearly ten per cent of all miners working in the coal-rich South Wales valleys. — Reuter.

FIRST U.S. WHEAT FOR INDIA

Philadelphia, June 19.

The first shipment of United States wheat to India under legislation authorising aid to that country was scheduled to leave at 11 p.m. G.M.T. today in the Liberty ship John Chester Kendall.

The cargo, totalling 9,000 tons and sent under Marshall Plan aid, is being shipped four days after President Truman signed a bill authorising the aid.

Under the plan, the United States will lend India \$100,000,000 on easy terms to buy up to 2,000,000 tons of wheat and other foodstuffs.

European Co-operation Administration officials have arranged a special ceremony aboard the ship, docked near the Navy Yard in South Philadelphia.

Mrs. Vilay Lalshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to the United States, State Department officials and a number of Senators and Congressmen will attend the ceremony. — Reuter.

Beirut, June 19.

The remains of Midhat Pasha, Turkish Premier at the time of Sultan Abdul Hamid and known in history as "Father of the Ottoman Constitution", were transferred today to Istanbul after a ceremony at the Omeyyad Mosque. — Associated Press.

Malan On Transfer Of Protectorates To Union Government

Capetown, June 19.

The initiative for the transfer of British protectorates in Southern Africa to the Union lies in the Union's hands, Prime Minister Malan told the Senate today.

The Union Parliament could petition the Privy Council for their transfer, he added, but the better way was to reach agreement between the two governments.

If the transfer could not be brought about in any other way, the people of South Africa would eventually be asked to elect a government to support the Government in its steps.

Dr. Malan said he would not take the subject up with the British Government immediately because that Government had a very small majority and nobody knew whether there would be an election in Britain today or tomorrow.

He did not want the question of the protectorates to become a matter of dispute between the parties in Britain when there was a general election.

When he was in London in 1949, Dr. Malan said, he had talked with two British Ministers on the question of the protectorates.

Immediately afterwards there was an hysterical outburst in England against the incorporation.

HOSTILE PRESS
Dr. Malan launched another attack on the British Press which, he said, was busy driving a wedge between South Africa and England.

"Where does the British Press get its information about South Africa from?" Dr. Malan asked. "Where does the world, which is so hostile to us, get its information? I have no complaint against the British Government, who have always treated me correctly. I speak only of the British Press."

Referring to the question of a Republican form of government for South Africa the Prime Minister said it was impossible to kill or confine the ideal of such a republic.

ARAB EXPERT'S DEATH

New York, June 19.

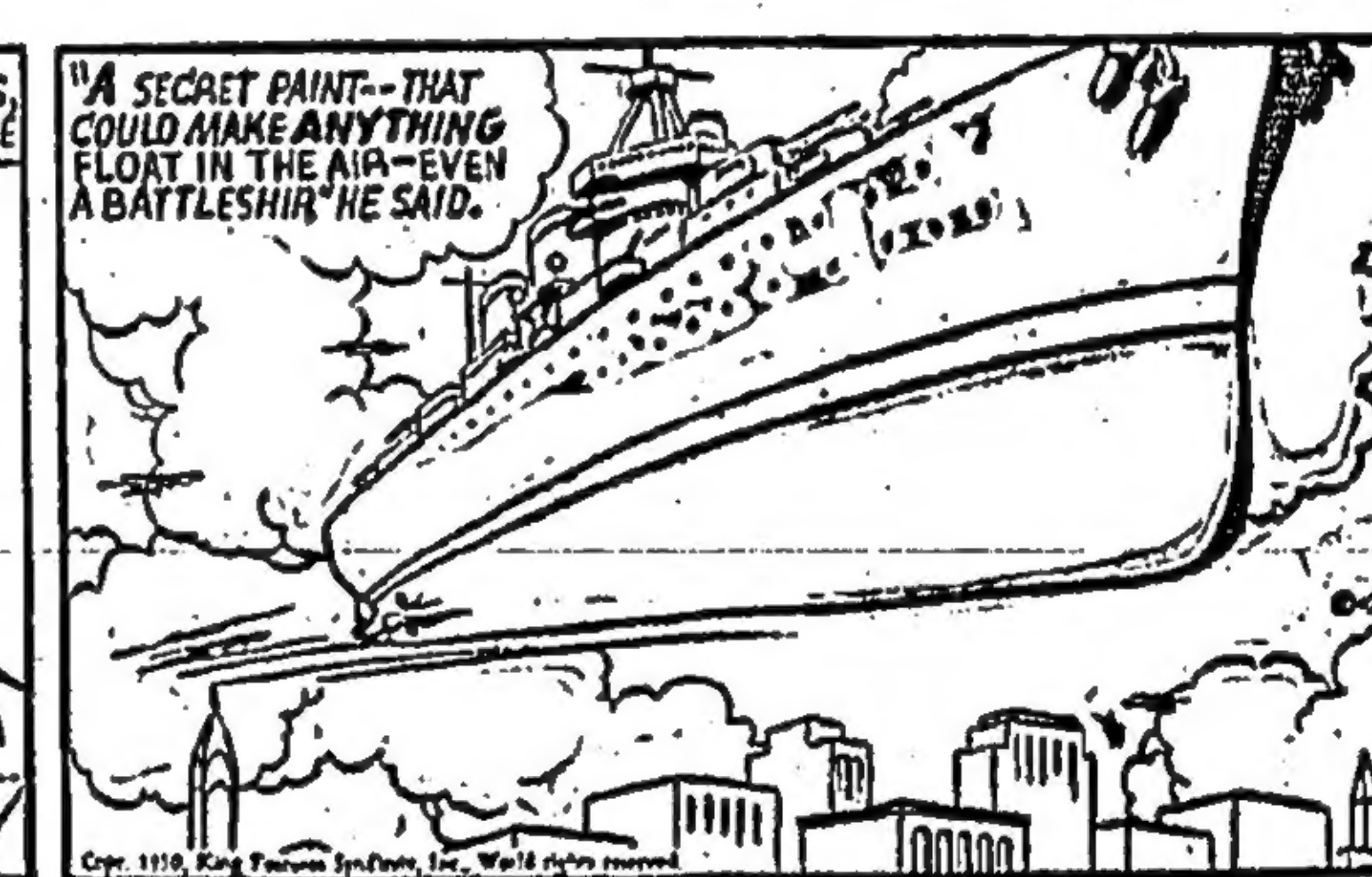
John G. Hazam, 51, assistant professor of history at the City College of New York and authority on Arab affairs and also President since 1945 of the Institute of Arab-American Affairs, died today presumably of a heart attack.

Hazam wrote a number of books and pamphlets on Arab problems and had also been on the board of the Syrian and Lebanese-American Federation. — United Press.

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President's Aircraft In Trouble

Baltimore, June 19.

President's plane was forced to make an unscheduled overnight halt here tonight as President Truman's private plane, the Independence, developed trouble while carrying the presidential party to Key West, Florida, en route to Washington for a State visit.

The Independence could not be repaired in time to continue the flight to Key West tonight and it was decided an Army plane would carry President Truman's party to Washington on Wednesday directly from here.

Mr. Truman's plane, which had never before been reported in trouble, took off from Quynquill this morning with President and Mrs. Truman and a party of six officials. They were due in Key West tonight and in Washington on Wednesday.

The Independence made its unscheduled landing at Albright Air Force base due to engine trouble. A quick check-up indicated repairs would take some time. Official spokesmen were reluctant to discuss the trouble.

The plane party left the place and went to Panama City for lunch. When word was received from Washington that an Army plane was being sent to pick them up, arrangements were quickly made for them to spend the night in the city. — United Press.

Chinese Students Contribute

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Savage Attack On Young Woman In Kowloon Alleged

An attack on an attractive young Chinese woman, who was stabbed seven times on the night of August 9, 1948, in Austin Road, Kowloon, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Ng Chiu-kwan, 33, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, on charges of attempted murder of Chan Fung-ming, 25, and wounding her with intent.

PASSION CRIME ALLEGED

A slightly built one-armed youth, Chan Ting-fun, 21, stood trial before Mr Justice Scholes and a jury of five men and two women at the Criminal Sessions this morning accused of having attempted to strangle a young married woman because of jealousy and unrequited love, the Prosecution alleged.

Chan faces charges of attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm.

Mr Hooton, who was assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. H. M. Day, said that the case against Chan was that sometime between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on April 9 on a piece of waste land near St Mary's Church in Wanchai, he put a rope round the neck of Tong Suet-kuen causing her to become unconscious, in fact strangling her to unconsciousness. It was alleged that he did it either with the intention of killing her, or that if he did not intend to kill, he intended to do her grievous bodily hurt.

Introducing the evidence which he said would be given by witnesses, Mr Hooton said that the victim was a married woman living with her three-year-old daughter and her parents on the first floor of 88 Yee Wo Street, near Roly Theatre and accused was the son of the principal tenant.

The accused showed the woman a certain amount of kindness, helping her to look for a job which she needed, said Counsel. On his part this acquaintance took a stronger feeling and on many occasions asked her to marry him. She refused because her husband was still living and she told him so.

"So you have a picture of this young man desperately in love with this married woman and she is in a position, whatever her feelings were, favourable or otherwise, where she was unable to grant him his wish," said Mr Hooton.

Despite this, he went on, their relations remained friendly up to the day of the incident. Mr Hooton said that fortunately the noise which had been put round the woman's neck slackened after she lost consciousness. When she came to she made her way staggering and stumbling to her aunt's house which was also in Yee Wo Street. Her aunt put her to bed and later her mother came to fetch her home. While she was at her aunt's the accused arrived and enquired whether she had been there. The aunt lied and said no, so the accused left. Later he returned again to enquire and was again sent away.

"The aunt noticed that the victim's face was a frightful sight. Her eyes were protruding and she had pin-point bleeding on her face. She was in a frightful mess quite consistent with having been strangled," said Mr Hooton.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and a jury of seven men was empanelled.

The Prosecution was conducted by Mr D. E. Greenfield, Acting Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. W. H. Summers.

Mr Greenfield said it was alleged by the prosecution that the accused stabbed the complainant seven times. Accused was at one time a policeman and in 1940 was a revenue officer.

In that year he became friendly with the complainant. In October, 1947, he left his employment and went to the girl's house where he asked if he could stay, although his own father had a residence in Kowloon. After some hesitation, the girl's parents agreed and he moved in and lived at their home, 232 Nathan Road, ground floor, for two months. It appeared that accused then left, following a quarrel over money matters, and the girl ended her friendship with him.

"The accused appears to be a man who would not take 'No' for an answer," Crown Counsel continued. "He continued to pester her. She is a rather accomplished young woman, being a teacher and part owner of a school of accountancy and typing in Queen's Road Central. In May, 1948, accused went to get himself enrolled as a pupil, but was rejected. He then struck her three blows with his clenched fist," caught her by the neck, squeezed it and said 'You have got to die as my hands surely!'. She struggled and as there were other people about he quickly made off.

"Complainant was sent to hospital for treatment and was in such a state of fear that she had to be escorted by a policeman for a month afterwards. "Shortly afterwards, complainant received a letter from the accused, and it alarmed her somewhat.

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In March this year, accused returned and an incident occurred in which it appeared he intended to carry out his threats. On March 13, complainant met him near her home, and he wished to go to her residence. She went back with him and there, in the presence of complainant's mother and an aunt, he seized her by the hand, drew

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Mrs Benita Lasseter, wife of a British major, who smuggled herself into Korea to be near Seoul. She wore the uniform of an American welfare girl. After meeting her husband at the Chosen Hotel, Seoul, she took the urgent advice to return to Tokyo. — AP Photo.

Commonwealth Ministers Confer On Middle East

Foreign Ministers or their deputies from all but the Asian members of the British Commonwealth were assembling here today for a conference on Commonwealth defence.

Defence Ministry officials said the discussions would be "entirely secret" and if any communiqués were issued they would only be "in the most general terms". The conference opens on Thursday.

The British Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, is expected to preside and the principal subject will be a "coherent plan" for the defence of Commonwealth lifelines through the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean, taking into account the absence of the old 2,000,000-strong Indian Army, formerly the backbone of Commonwealth defence in the Middle East.

Informed sources suggested the Commonwealth conference would run into numerous difficulties because of political conditions throughout the Middle East and East and Southern Asia, which make Western defences there a "calculated risk".

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He said he wished to make it clear that the prohibited list, which would be circulated did not involve a "major intensification of the measures" which the United Kingdom had progressively adopted since the Korean war.

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Difficult Inter-Party Talks Ahead In France

DETERMINED GAULLE OPPOSITION LIKELY

Paris, June 19.

Most French political leaders tonight forecast difficult inter-party negotiations before France's new government can be formed.

The new government, arising from Sunday's elections, will replace the Coalition of Dr Henri Queuille shortly after the National Assembly meets on July 5. Its strength and nature may well depend on the country's new political giant, the party of General Charles de Gaulle.

Late results trickling in tonight consolidated the position of General de Gaulle's movement—the Rally of the French People—as the strongest single party.

When 611 results out of 627 were known, the position was semi-officially reported as: Gaullists 116, Communists 100, Socialists 101, M.R.P. 78, Radicals 87, Moderates 103, Others 26.

Deputies classified under "Others" were all from distant overseas territories and their party affiliations inside the Assembly may not be known till the Assembly has met in July.

Results still to come were: Nine seats in Alsace and seven in overseas territories. Leaders of the "Middle of the Road" parties were publicly jubilant about their relative success in holding the majority seats. But they admitted that the strength of the Gaullists might make the forming of a new and stable coalition a delicate task.

DE GAULLE'S DEMAND Observers said they saw no reason at this stage to think that General de Gaulle would consent to join any coalition except on conditions of profound constitutional reform. They believed that the centre parties would be unwilling to accept such reforms.

Premier Queuille would normally be "his own successor," observers said, because his electoral strategy was aimed at producing the precise result that has been achieved.

But reports had said he wants a rest and speculation has already named several centre party leaders as probable successors.

Apert from the prospect of determined Gaullist opposition, the new government must consider means of dealing with a strong Communist group.

Though reduced from 180 deputies to about 100 the Communists still have much strength for obstruction tactics.

And the fact remains that while leaving some heavy in France—Reuters.

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Never To Run Away Again

Singapore, June 19. Five runaway girls who left Malaysia 10 days ago en route to Red China returned from Hongkong today aboard a CPA plane and four were detained by the CID immediately on their arrival.

They were met by parents and relatives at the airport and after a long tearful meeting promised "never to run away again."

The youngest of them who was allowed to go home with her parents was Chuan Hong-Pel, 12.—United Press.

Gloucesters To Pull Out Of Korea

Korea, June 19. Regulars, Reservists, and National Servicemen of the Gloucesters will return to Britain as a unit at the end of the year.

The Commander of the battalion, Lieutenant-Colonel Digby Grise, said today: "I am very happy to be taking the battalion home as a unit. I hope we will be in Britain in time for Christmas," he added with a twinkle in his eye.

All the men have been cheered considerably by the knowledge that a definite time for their return has been set.

Company Sergeant-Major Arthur Courtney of Colchester said he thrived on heat and dreaded the thought of having to join any winter in Korea.

A regular soldier, one of the original of the Gloucester battalion, Courtney is a former machinegun platoon sergeant. "However, we have learned some very valuable lessons about working our weapons in cold weather last winter," he said.

Private Gordon Hammond of Leicester, also a regular, had been with the battalion for only two days when he heard the news.

Transport Corporal Leslie Wingham of West Croydon, is a reservist, who has been with the Gloucesters through the Korean campaign. He and his pals were pleased with the news because it had ended a period of suspense and conflicting rumours.—Reuters.

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